

# CELEBRATING

SunRise: September 15, 1948

SunSet: April 10, 2023

THE  
LIFE OF

Friday  
APRIL  
28  
2023

NEVER  
FORGOTTEN  
FOREVER IN  
OUR HEARTS

*Deloris Ann Cannon*

Celebration of Life  
Friday, April 28, 2023 @11am  
Pilgrim Rest Missionary Baptist Church  
831 S. 43<sup>rd</sup> St.  
Pastor Eric & First Lady Sheila Morris  
Minister James Harris~ Officiating

## The Legacy of Deloris Ann Cannon

*“Well done, thou good and faithful servant; thou has been faithful over a few things, I will make thee a ruler over many things; enter thou into the joy of thy Lord.” Matthew 25:21*

A faithful servant, a loving daughter, amazing sister, a wonderful aunt and a friend too many - such was the life and legacy of Deloris Ann Cannon. It is noted in the record book that on September 15, 1948, in West Palm Beach, Florida, Charles Mason and Julia Williams became the proud parents of a daughter affectionately known as “Dee” to family & friends.

Dee attended primary school in Rodeo, CA and graduated from John Swett High School in Crockett, CA. She later continued her education at Heald Business College in Oakland, CA. Dee began her first employment at the Richmond Redevelopment Agency as a secretary and retired after 37 years as the Benefits Analyst in Human Resources on June 30, 2004.

Dee was raised in Rodeo, California; she professed her faith in Christ, and was baptized at a young age. Her Christian foundation was established at Zion Hill Missionary Baptist Church in Rodeo, CA. under the headship of her late uncle, Rev. Cleve Porter.

Dee always put God and family first. She prided herself on being a ‘Professional Shopper’, avid interior decorator, caterer, and homemaker. The love of cooking and entertaining inspired her to start and maintain a catering business ‘A Touch of Class’ for over 10 years. Dee lived a blessed and colorful life. With the passing of Took, Dee was the Matriarch of the Mason Family. This is a role that Dee loved, being there as a big sister, Auntie, and friend, and wearing the title of ‘Nana’. She leaves all of us to continue her legacy!

On April 10, 2023, the final page of this life was written. *Blessed are those who die in the Lord from now on. Yes, says the spirit they are blessed indeed, for they will rest from their hard work for their good deeds follow them.* **Revelation 14:13.** “Dee” in her 74th season slipped the bonds of this life for a life in eternity. Her independent spirit, iron will, and strong character will never be duplicated, waiting on the other side is her parents, Charles Mason and Julia Williams, grandmother: Mary Etta Harris (Took); aunt: Dorothy Garnett; Fiancé: Curits Brown; uncle: Willie James Mason; siblings: Regina (Baby Ellen), Ellen, Michael, Debra, and George.

Dee leaves an indelible imprint on the hearts and minds of many people, and those who were encouraged by her. She also leaves a lifetime of love & memories that will be felt by her siblings: Curtis, Charles (Dilly), Patricia, Charlie, Wanda, Alesia, Elgin, Mioeca, William (Ricky), Julie (Gigi), Stanley, Gloria, Audrey, Eugene (Rook), Alex, Karlyn, a host of nieces, nephews, great nephews, great nieces and Godchildren.

**Rest in Peace, Dee Your life was well-lived. We will always have you in our hearts.**

*How shall we conclude the matter of the life Deloris A. “Dee” Cannon? We shall not conclude it, for we understand that to be absent from the body is to be present with the Lord! We shall not conclude it, for we know that Jesus is the resurrection and the Life! We shall not conclude it, for we understand if we too accept Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior, we will see Deloris A. “Dee” Cannon. Again on the other side where she is walking & resting in the arms of Christ Jesus.*

## Order of Service

*Musical Prelude*

*Processional Minister & Family*

*Scripture Reading – Rev. Guy Moore*  
~Old Testament Psalms 23:1-6~  
~New Testament 1 Cor. 15:51-55~

*Prayer – Rev. Guy Moore*

*Musical Selection – Sheila Morris*

*Acknowledgement of Cards & Condolences – Theresa Talley Wilkerson*

*Poem – Nieces*

*Special Reflections (2 minutes Please) – Family & Friends*

*The Legacy – Theresa Talley Wilkerson*

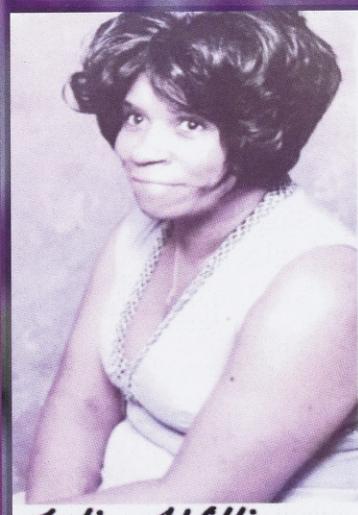
*Musical Selection – Sheila Morris*

*Words of Comfort – Rev. Don Sutton*

*Glimpse 'Til Glory – Stewart's Rose Manor Staff in Charge*

*Recessional Minister & Family*

**Thine Earthly Bed of Rest:**  
Rolling Hills Memorial Park,  
4100 Hilltop Dr. Richmond, Ca. 94803

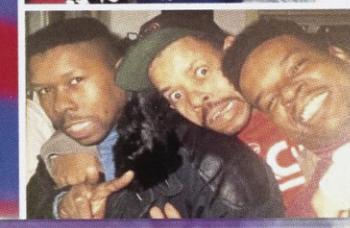


*Julia Williams  
Mother*

*Charles Mason  
Father*



## *Siblings*





# Memories





She walked with grace, beauty, and pride,  
Her heritage shine through with every stride,  
A woman of color, strong and True,  
Her spirit lifted everyone she knew.

Her love for family new, no bounds,  
With open arms, she welcomed us all around  
Auntie, you were the glue that kept us tight  
Guiding us through both the day and night.

Your heart was big, your laughter loud,  
Your hugs were warm, your smile bright as a cloud  
You showed us all how to live and love,  
Your memories cherished, now above.

We'll miss your presence, your gentle touch,  
But your love will live on, we miss you so much,  
Rest in peace, dear Aunt, in heaven above,  
Our memories of you, forever to love.

Your Nieces & Nephews



## Active Pallbearers

Julian Cotton      Anthony Mason      Khamani Blakney  
Dominique Lewis    Damien Mason      Devon Mason

## Honorary Pallbearers

Charles Mason      Charlie Mason      Curtis Holmes  
Stan Clark          Demetrius Mason    Kerry Blakney

## Acknowledgements

With grateful hearts, we, the family of Deloris "Dee" Cannon, extend our sincere appreciation to each of you. Thank you for all of your acts of kindness, prayers, words of comfort, and love that was expressed during this sad time in our lives. Your caring and support has truly been a blessing to us. We ask for your continued prayer that God will keep us in his care. May God bless each one of you.

## Arrangements Entrusted to the Care of

Stewart's Rose Manor

3331 MacDonald Ave. Richmond, CA.

## To A Very Special Sister

If I could send a postcard  
To Heaven up above  
I'd tell you that I miss you  
And seal it with my love  
Pain could fill a thousand pages  
But what good would that do  
Because the only thing I long for  
Is to get one back from you  
So if the Angels are listening  
Everytime I pray  
I hope they send the message  
That I miss you everyday  
For now I'll keep the postcard here  
I hope you understand  
Please keep watching over me  
Until I deliver it by hand

## Repass:

**Veterans Memorial Building  
601 Stockton Ave. ~ El Cerrito CA 94530**